SENATE BILL 1476

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to senior citizens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-258, is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The board shall post on the official state of Tennessee website on the Internet (http://www.state.tn.us) the name and address of every nursing home, residential home for the aged and assisted-care living facility regulated pursuant to this chapter and indicate whether the facility has a fire suppression sprinkler system throughout the facility or a smoke detector or alarm in each patient room and the date that the sprinkler system or detection or alarm system was installed. The board shall update this information on a routine basis but not less often than annually.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105(b)(3), is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) Advise the governor and the heads of state departments and agencies regarding policies, programs, services, allocation of funds, and the needs of older persons and disabled adults in Tennessee, including their needs with regard to personal, physical, mental and financial safety and their right to be free from exploitation and abuse, and adequate and safe housing and elderly care, and make recommendations for legislative action to the governor and to the general assembly;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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